(iv) All the printing and casting machines mentioned in the list appended are reported to be in working order.

Poramboke Cases and Original Land Records.

66. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: With reference to the answer given to Question No. 34, at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th Karkadakam, 1097, that the Government were not aware of the fact that in *poramboke* cases the *ayacut* and *ozhugu* were not being examined, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have since taken steps to ascertain the truth and, if not, whether Government intend to make enquiries regarding it?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative. Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to lay down an obligatory rule that the officer competent to dispose of *poramboke* cases should, on his initiative, examine the *ayacut* and *ozhugu* accounts relating to the land forming the subject-matter of each case. But under Section 10 of Regulation IV of 1091 and under Sections 10 and 11 of the Rules issued thereunder, the officer will issue notices to the parties concerned and receive and consider any evidence that may be adduced by them. It is for the parties to produce the *ayacut* and *ozhugu* accounts before the officer as evidence, if they consider them to be helpful to their case. Circular orders have also been recently issued to the revenue officers to allow parties sufficient time and convenience to adduce evidence in *poramboke* cases.

Infantile Mortality.

67. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the report submitted by the Sanitary Commissioner, Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai, on infantile mortality?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: A copy of the report* referred to is placed on the table.

Maintenance and Extension of the Alattura Channel.

68. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned for the maintenance of the Alattura channel cut from the Kadukkara hill of the Tovala taluk to the Pulikurichi tank, Tazhakudi?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount expended each year from 1090 to 1097 for the maintenance of the Alattura channel?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any idea of extending the Alattura channel as far as Mailadi, Kottaram and Cape Comorin and whether there is any correspondence as regards the matter?

(*d*) Has it been brought to the notice of Government that on many occasions the Tovala channel was breached as a result of allowing water to flow beyond the capacity of the channel?

* *Vide* Appendix II-page 236.

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